Deutsche Marks 24,905, 184.20 for 8 cranes and other order on M/s Cowans Sheldon, UK for 4 cranes with total FOB value as UK Pound Sterling 5,423,442.

(c) These cranes were procured through import to meet urgent requirement as the indigenous production at Jamalpur Workshop of Eastern Railway was not adequate.

(d) and (e) Central Bureau of Investigation has beeen entrusted to conduct detailed investigation into the procurement case of 12 numbers 140 Tonne Accident Relief Cranes in view of the specific observations of Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their Report No. 9 of 1999.

Construction of B.G. Rail-Line from Manoharpur to Paradip

†4367. SHRI SHIBU SOREN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Department of Railways is going to construct a broad gauge rail line from Manoharpur to Paradip to encourage development and export of mineral based industries, in view of the huge mineral resources in the Jharkhand region;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No. Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Acute constraint of resources.

Passenger Amenities Committee in Mumbai

4368. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reconstituted the passengers amenities Committee in Mumbai

(b) if so, the details of Committee members and objectives of the said Committee;

(c) whether the said Committee has presented any report, and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the main suggestions of the Committee and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) No separate Passenger Amenities Committee has been constituted in Mumbai. However, a Passenger Amenities Committee at the National Level has been constituted in the Ministry of Railways in November, 1999 to check the Passenger Amenities provided at the railway stations and on the trains. A statement giving details of Committee Members and objectives of the said Committee is attached (See below).

(c) and (d) The Passenger Amenities Committee has recently submitted a report for the quarter (December 1999-February 2000) in which the Committee has submitted its observations and suggestions in regard to the general cleanliness and environmental conditions, drinking water arrangements, facilities provided for dissemination of information to the passengers like enquiry offices, public address system, indication boards, etc., provision of light, fan and other electrical amenities, provision and maintenance of public conveniences, reservation and booking for passengers, security of passengers in carriages and station premises, losses in railway revenues and ensuring courtesy to passengers. It is proposed to take action on those observations and suggestions of the Committee as may be accepted, depending on the availability of funds and resources.

STATEMENT

The Members of the Committee are as under :—

(i)	Dr. Bikram Sarkar	Chairman (Since resigned)
(ii)	Shri M.W. Haque	Member
(iii)	Smt. Maya Singh	Member
(iv)	Shri Nimai Bhattacharyya	Member
(v)	Shri Lakshman Jha	Member
(vi)	Smt. Kalyani Shankar	Member

The objectives of the Committee are to check the passenger amenities provided at the railway stations and on the trains with special reference to the following aspects :—

(a) General cleanliness and environmental conditions

(b) Drinking water arrangements

(c) Facilities provided for dissemination of information to the passengers, like, Enquiry Offices, Public Address System, Indicator Boards, etc.

(d) Provision of lights, fans and other electrical amenities

(e) Provision and maintenance of public conveniences like public lavatories, bathrooms, retiring rooms and waiting halls

(f) Provision of such conveniences as benches on platforms, wheel chairs, stretchers, luggage trolleys, etc.

(g) Reservation and booking for passengers

(h) Security of passengers in carriages and at station premises

(i) Losses in railway revenues; and

(j) Ensuring courtesy to passengers.

Railway Projects in NER

4369. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of railway projects in the NER completed during the last five years;

(b) the names of projects likely to be completed in the Region during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the new projects to be taken up during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the names of major ongoing projects; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) :

(a) Details of Railways Projects completed during last five years are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Length (KMS)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	NEW LINE	
1.	Jogighopa-Kamakhya (Guwahati)	142.15